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Baxter International Inc.,)
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Opposer,)
v.) Opposition No. 91150298
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Inviro Medical Devices Ltd.,	
Applicant.	
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BAXTER'S ANSWER TO INVIRO'S COUNTERCLAIM FOR CANCELLATION

In response to the counterclaim allegations presented in Applicant's Amended Answer (which was filed as Exhibit A to its Motion to Amend Answer and Add Counterclaim, filed on December 10, 2002), which is now of record in accordance with the Board Ruling of September 25, 2003, Opposer, Baxter International Inc. answers in the following manner:

15. Opposer Baxter International Inc. has asserted three INTERLINK trademark registrations in this opposition, i.e., Registration Nos. 1,721,708, 1,812,016, and 1,821,178.

ANSWER: Admitted.

16. On information and belief, Baxter has licensed various third parties to use the INTERLINK trademark that is the subject of the foregoing three registrations.

ANSWER: Admitted.

17. On information and belief, Baxter has failed to exert quality control over the licensed third parties' usage of the INTERLINK trademark and the corresponding third parties' goods and/or services.

ANSWER: Denied.

18. On information and belief, Baxter's failure to exert quality control amounts to the improper "naked licensing" of its INTERLINK trademark. As a result, the three

INTERLINK registrations, i.e., Registration Nos. 1,721,708, 1,812,016, and 1,821,178 should be cancelled.

ANSWER: Allegation calls for a legal conclusion. Baxter denies naked licensing.

Respectfully submitted,

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